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Soviet Journey

Baptists Visit Baptists In Communist Russia

By ARNOLD T. OHRN,
General Secretary,
Baptist World Alliance

On August 4, 1955, a group of Baptist ministers met at the airport of Helsinki, Finland, and enplaned for Leningrad. Thus began a two weeks' odyssey that embraced thirteen Baptist churches in twelve cities and villages, and no less than seventeen religious services, besides sightseeing, social engagements, audiences with high officials, and conferences with Baptist leaders. On August 18 a Russian Aeroflot plane set us safely down at Helsinki again, somewhat breathless and travel-worn, but the richer for an unusual spiritual experience.

Those making the trip were: Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Church, Richmond, Virginia; Dr. V. Carney Hargroves, pastor of the Second Church, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, pastor of Olivet Church, Chicago, Illinois; and the General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. They were guests of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists. The fact that one of the men invited was elected president of the Baptist World Alliance, added

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Graham Opens Canadian Crusade

TORONTO (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham opened his 37th crusade before a packed audience in the 10,000-seat Coliseum here.

The American evangelist will preach every day except Monday at the Coliseum in the Canadian National Exhibition grounds. On Sunday afternoons he hopes to preach at the 24,000 seat grandstand. The crusade ends Oct. 16.

Mr. Graham told the ministers he had not come because they had failed in their tasks, or because he thought he could show them how to build up their congregations. He said he had come as "a hired hand to help out at harvest time."

Opdyke Trust Fund Aids 115 Students

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — The Opdyke Trust Fund last year gave 115 students financial aid and the total amount provided was \$9,575.

The Trust Fund, established about 30 years ago by a New York woman, provides aid for the education of mountain people under jurisdiction of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The corpus of \$235,005 is invested by the Southern Baptist Foundation. It provided \$10,668 income last year, which was available for student assistance.

The report on the Opdyke Trust Fund came to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee at its September meeting here.

Nigeria Seeks New Religious Ties

By PORTER ROUTH
Executive Secretary
Southern Baptist Executive
Committee

The old idols of Nigeria are wearing out, and it will depend on the Christian forces of the world how they are replaced.

This was my conviction during a three-week tour of the west African country made following the Baptist World Congress this summer. I participated in the dedication of the new Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary while there and visited Southern Baptist mission stations.

As I went with the native rulers to see the old gods and visited the Jiu-Jiu houses, I was impressed with the reality that the old idols are in a sad state of repair and there does not seem to be any particular concern for repairing them at the present moment.

Filling the Void

But you could note a yearning and a desire on the part of the people for something to fill the void.

Southern Baptists now have only one missionary couple in more than 18 million people. I have not been able to get away

Adams To Appear On NBC Television



FORT WORTH, Sept. — The president of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Theodore F. Adams, will appear on the NBC television program, Frontiers of Faith, October 2. Rev. Paul Stevens, director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Whose Book Is It?

By Dr. W. A. Criswell, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Dallas, Texas

Editor's Note: Printed by permission of the author. This sermon appears in a book of sermons by Dr. Criswell entitled THESE ISSUES WE MUST FACE and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan).

"The Bible is a Catholic Book." I can hardly believe my eyes, yet there it is written in big, black, bold-faced letters, "The Bible is a Catholic Book." The heavy caption introduces an advertisement published in many of the national magazines of our country. The propaganda

Letters Reveal Far Reaching Ministry Of Baptist Hour

FORT WORTH — The need of millions for the ministry of the Baptist Hour is reflected in the hundreds of letters that come from all parts of the world each month.

Any day of any year, a special word from a far away place may be in the stacks of mail delivered to the Radio and Television Commission. A deep compassion for the world and the need of its people predominates these requests for prayer and gifts to the Commission.

Daily the staff meets to pray for those who request it.

Recently a letter from England came addressed to Director Paul Stevens.

The letter expresses appreciation for discs carrying music of the Baptist Hour choir. The writer said that he carried these discs to seven special residences in his city — a home for the blind; rest homes for the aged; homes belonging to the Salvation Army; a maternity home; institution of correction and other like places.

Enclosed in a letter from Dilley, Texas, was \$5.00 for a contribution to the Baptist Hour saying, "This amount is from Social Security check."

One letter received by the Commission written for a woman, who has been blind for a little over five years, says, "She wants me to tell you how very much she has enjoyed the

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grows out of the office of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. And what they have to say about the Bible's being a Catholic Book would be historically ridiculous were it not tragic in the effect it may have upon some people who will read the advertisement.

After all, where did the Book we call the Bible come from, and who gave it to us? What has been the historical attitude of the Roman Church toward it? The answers are easy to find.

Our Bible is comprised of two Testaments, the Old and the New.

The Old Testament was preserved for us by the Hebrew people. The Hebrew Bible is the Old Testament. To them in ancient days were committed "the oracles of God."

The historian Josephus might still say of them what he wrote over eighteen hundred years ago, "After the lapse of so many centuries, no one among the Jews has dared to add or to take away or to transpose anything in the Sacred Scriptures."

The canon of the Old Testament seems to have been largely closed after the time of Ezra the Scribe, who flourished about 450 B.C. The prophecy of Malachi was the last to be added and thereafter the Old Testament remained a sealed volume, "waiting for the Great Prophet who should come." In what sense the modern Roman Catholic Church can appropriate, as peculiarly its own, the Old Testament is a mystery indeed.

There remain the New Testament Scriptures. Do they belong to the hierarchy of Rome? Were they produced by them? The proposition loses its seriousness and becomes almost silly when it is so stated.

The canon of the New Testament is the received and accepted books revealing the mind and will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and is accounted so, not by one sect only, but by practically all the Christian peoples of all times.

The churches, the followers of Christ, ancient, modern, Asiatic, European, all who call on the name of Jesus, the sects of the Reformation, the Greek sect, the Armenian sect, the Syrian sect, the Roman Catholic sect — even the Unitarian sect — all testify to the canon of

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Soviet Journey . . .

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much to the value of the visit. Likewise the coincidence that both Dr. Hargroves and Dr. Jackson happened to be elected members of the BWA Executive Committee.

The itinerary

The first stop was the beautiful city on the Neva river, once called Petrograd, and before that St. Petersburg, with a large and thriving Baptist Church. From there we went by night train to Moscow. From Moscow on, airplanes were used whenever possible, otherwise automobiles. The third stop was Kiev, ancient capital of the Ukraine. Odessa on the Black Sea was next, then Simferopol in the heart of the Crimea.

The trip over the mountains to famous Yalta on the Soviet Riviera had to be made in cars over a narrow winding road. A special police escort on a motor-cycle went ahead and ensured our safety by either stopping cars and trucks in the most dangerous curves, or waving all other traffic off to the side of the road. Cars were likewise used to Bakchisarai, Saki, and Eupatoria, Simferopol remaining our basis.

From there we flew to Khar'kov, and thence returned to Moscow. On the entire journey we were accompanied by Jakov Zhidkov, president, Alexander Karev, general secretary of the All-Union Council, and a skilled interpreter, Mrs. Novikova.

Russian Hospitality

From the moment we touched Soviet soil at Leningrad until the day we left that city for the Western world we were overwhelmed with the heartiest hospitality. Deputations met us with flowers in every city; we were entertained lavishly in hotels and private homes; we were embraced in Russian fashion at every meeting, and loaded with love gifts in town after town. Nowhere, inside or outside of Baptist circles, did we ever meet with anything but friendliness. This was true also of our visits with the Minister of Cults and his colleagues, and with the Metropolitan of Moscow.

The purpose of the trip

Ours was a journey with strictly limited objectives: to visit as many of our co-believers as possible, to foster Baptist fellowship, and, incidentally, to contribute our bit towards building bridges between East and West. We did not visit Russia in order to study the political or economic aspects of life in the Soviet Union. Two weeks, mainly spent in cultivating Christian brotherhood together with the great companies of believers we met in our churches, did not qualify us for answering questions in areas with which we had neither time nor occasion to occupy ourselves. But in the field of religion we saw and experienced as much as could

possibly be pressed into the small measure of time at our disposal.

Baptist life in the Soviet Union

In January of 1952 Martin Niemoller visited Moscow and preached in the Baptist church.

A year later, in India, the present writer heard him say: "I am sometimes asked if I believe Christ has a living church in Russia. When I am asked that question my thoughts go back to that Sunday night in the Baptist church in Moscow. If ever I stood face to face with a living church, it was there, and if that was not a living church of Christ, I do not know where to find one."

It was impossible not to be reminded of these words again and again during our journey. The genuineness, spontaneity and intense vitality of Christian life in the churches we met was beyond any possible doubt. You sensed it in the very spirit of the congregation before the service had begun. It throbbed in the wonderful singing, which seemed to burst from the very hearts of the people. You could feel the spiritual pulse-beat of the great audiences, as one voice, and then another, lifted them to God's throne in prayer. It was beautifully revealed in the mutual love of Christian to Christian, so evident to us all. It was shown in the eager and spontaneous giving, from people who certainly were not overburdened with worldly goods. And it was abundantly evidenced by their great thirst for the word of God.

Love of God's word

Not all believers own Bibles or New Testaments, and the lack is keenly felt. It is a cause of much rejoicing that the Baptist Union has been given permission to publish a new edition of the Russian Bible. As matters stand many of our people borrow Bibles and snatch such hours of day or night as may be available in order to feast on the precious words of our Lord, or even to copy great portions in longhand.

Exposition of the Scriptures from the pulpit plays an exceedingly important role in every service, and two or three sermons in one meeting are more the rule than the exception. When the four preachers from abroad had given four addresses in a row—all of them through the interpreter—people sometimes asked for more, and when one or two Russian speeches had been added for good measure, they still had to be asked to go home. This happened time and again in churches where more people were standing than sitting, squeezed together in one solid mass of perspiring humanity for three hours, or more, oblivious to all the wearying discomfort of the hot nights, eagerly drinking in every word that was spoken.

Carl Duck To Lead Ridgecrest Revival



According to the pastor, Rev. Fred Tarplay; Rev. Carl Duck, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Batesville, Mississippi will be the revival speaker at the Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Jackson, October 2-9. Services will be held at 7:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

Sam L. Jones, Sr., will lead the song service.

Religious toleration

It is clear that the Soviet system of the present day admits of a large measure of religious toleration. No religion, and no denomination, receives financial support from the State, a principle with which we Baptists have no quarrel. Our people unquestionably en-

joy freedom of worship within the approximately 5,400 buildings registered for that purpose with the authorities, and no one interferes with the preaching of the Gospel in these places of worship. Most of the buildings in question belong to the State; a modest ground rental and the cost of repairs are provided by the local church. In some places small churches are able to rent a room from a farmer or some other house owner. Owing to the enormous devastations during the war and to the rapid growth of the population, there is great scarcity of building materials and of skilled labour. Such a situation does not make it easy for the churches to contend with their particular "housing shortage". Everywhere we saw the same lack of adequate facilities for the growing and multiplying churches.

The people of God

A phrase repeatedly suggested itself as we experienced the impact of spiritual life in Baptist churches: "These are God's people". As in New Testament days you will not find many wise according to this world, or well born, or highly placed, but you will find simple folk in great numbers, like the "common people who heard Him gladly". You will find brotherly love abounding. You will find fervency in prayer and a wonderful wholeheartedness in the following of Christ.

Under the stress of circumstances so different from those we have known, the half-million

Students At Golden Gate

Mississippians attending Golden Gate Seminary, Berkley, Calif. are:

Robert D. Beasley, Columbus; Charles E. Bush, Richton; Mrs. Charles E. (Joyce) Bush, Hollandale; "Rudy" Duett, Jackson; Russell Lee Phillips, Bogue Chitto; Stanley Stamps, Prentiss; and Maurice Ford Wicker, Smithdale.

Baptist church members have in a sense become a spiritual elite. They constitute the vital core of a much larger army of believers, many of them under eighteen and therefore too young to receive baptism under the present rules, many others on probation for a year or longer before being admitted to baptism, others again residing in places where they are too few to be registered as an organized church. On the fringes of this greater group are to be found increasing numbers of churchgoers, of seekers, of sympathizers—no one knows how many. One need not marvel at the word of a non-Baptist visitor to the Soviet Union who declared that in his opinion the Baptist movement in that great land constitutes the greatest hope he can see for the spiritual future of the Russian people.

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How To Help

Several churches have already sent in over and above gifts for the Cooperative Program. May we commend them and urge other churches to do likewise.

This has been a good year with Mississippi Baptists. Many churches have surplus funds, some large, some small. If these churches would send a portion of their surplus funds, it would insure reaching the financial goal as set by the 1954 Convention.

The needs are great and the fields are white. If your church will send in an extra gift, it may mean the saving of souls that otherwise would not be reached.

And do it during October.

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Not A True Picture

According to a press release from a LIFE MAGAZINE that publication will have a special issue, devoted entirely to the Christian religion, as a culmination of its series on "World's Great Religions," on December 21, 1955.

Announcing the special issue to its readers in the September 5 issue, the magazine noted that "drawing upon a vast treasury of paintings and photographs, LIFE will document visually the basic teachings, tenets and development of Christianity. Then, giving special emphasis to the genuine Christian revival in the United States, LIFE's cameras will focus on the visible evidence of Christianity as it is practiced in the world today."

We hope the issue will not be as badly distorted as the proof of the picture which came with the press release. The picture is one to be used in the forthcoming issue. It is a reproduction of a painting by Piero della Francesca entitled "The Baptism." The picture shows John the Baptist with a saucer of water, pouring it on Jesus' head and the water seems to be from a pool near the banks of the river Jordan. As far as we know, no informed historian claims that Jesus was baptized in any such way. He went down into the water and for many decades after his crucifixion, immersion was the manner of baptism. This picture seems to represent the Roman Catholic view, rather than the historical facts.

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Hoover Says Send 'Em

How often have you heard people say, "I don't make my children go to Sunday School. If I do, it will cause them to have a distaste for it." To those who feel that way we quote below from J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, popularly known as the FBI.

"Shall I make my child go to Sunday School and church? Yes! And with no further discussion about the matter. Startled? Why? How do you answer Junior when he comes to breakfast on Monday morning and announces to you that he is not going to school anymore? You know! Junior goes. How do you answer when Junior comes in very much besmudged and says 'I'm not going to take a bath.' Junior bathes doesn't he?"

Why all this timidity then, in the

realm of his Spiritual guidance and growth? Going to let him wait and decide what church he'll go to when he's old enough? Quit your kidding! You didn't wait until you were old enough to decide whether he wants to go to school or not—to start his education. You don't wait until he's old enough to decide whether he wishes to be clean or dirty do you? Do you wait until he's old enough to decide if he wants to take his medicine when he is sick? Do you?

"What shall we say when Junior announces he doesn't like to go to Sunday School and church? That's an easy one to answer. Just be consistent. Tell him 'Junior, in our house we all go to church and Sunday School and that includes you.' Your firmness and example will furnish a bridge over which youthful rebellion may travel into rich and satisfying experience in personal religious living.

"The parents of America can strike a telling blow against the forces which contribute to our juvenile delinquency, if our mothers and fathers will take their children to Sunday School and church regularly."

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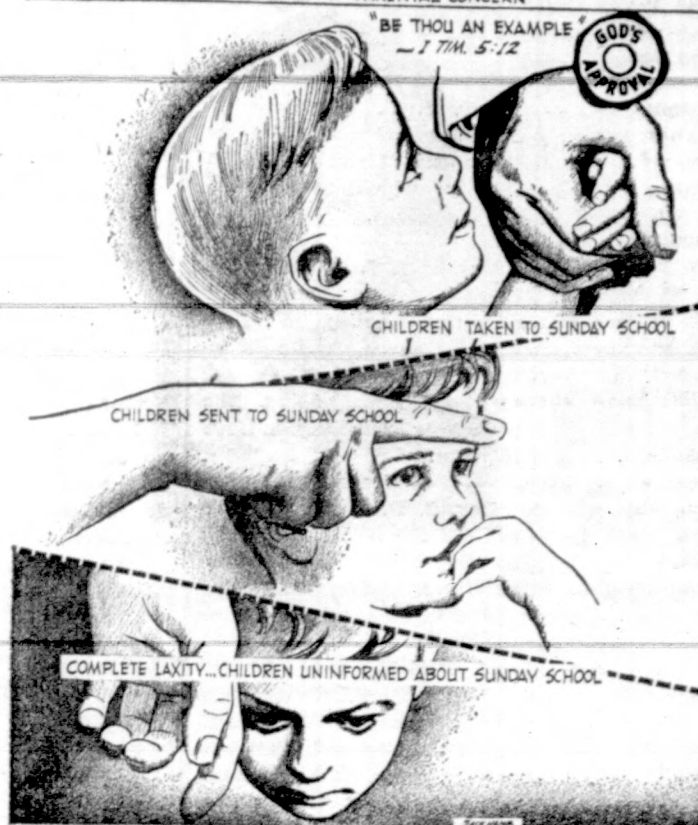
Georgia Editor Hits Catholic Politics

Evidently John J. Hurt, Jr., editor of the Christian Index, Georgia Baptist paper, has the same opinion as perhaps all of the Southern Baptist editors who toured Europe in connection with the Baptist World Alliance.

In an editorial he says that he is convinced that Roman Catholicism is the one big political curse in Europe and is as great an evil as Communism.

He says, "Spain, 'the nation allied closest to the Vatican,' is a country of dire poverty and of a people 20 and more years behind in their civilization." Many Baptist churches there have been closed by the government. Continuing

PLATEAUS OF PARENTAL CONCERN



Editor Hurt says, "Baptists must not remain silent, feeling that they must be tolerant of Roman Catholicism." HOWEVER, HE EMPHASIZES HIS STATEMENTS ARE DIRECTED AT POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF CATHOLICISM AND NOT AT CATHOLICISM AS A RELIGION.

Our Readers Write

SAYS ARTICLES INTERESTING

Brooksville, Miss.

Aug. 5, 1955

Dear Dr. Goodrich,

We missed you while you were away, but the articles which you have been sending to the Record have been wonderful. For those who were not able to attend the Alliance and tour the Holy Land, it has been a blessing to read of your travels and experiences. Thank you for the timely writings.

James B. Riley

Comment: Thanks to pastor Riley and the many others who have written.

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CAN THE CATHOLIC EDITOR READ?

By Duke K. McCall

The current discussion provoked by the book, *Why Johnny Can't Read*, offers a possible clue as to the explanation of a long editorial in the *Catholic Register* of Salt Lake City, Utah. The editorial is entitled "Baptists Betting on Wrong Horse." The key sentence is "The Southern Baptists will get no where by publicly backing Peron's current attacks on the Catholic Church."

The reference is obviously to the resolution of the Southern Baptist Convention, adopted recently in Miami, Florida, on the theme of religious liberty.

The Southern Baptist resolution, as quoted in the editorial, states, "We do not wish to identify ourselves with

any political group but only with the principle of full religious liberty."

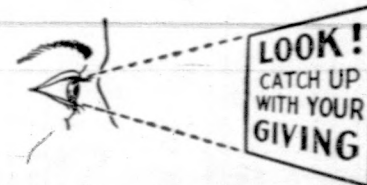
That the editor cannot read is indicated by the fact that after quoting this he adds: "The Peronista regime in the Argentine is scarcely a party to be defended. Peron is and always has been dictator. He is by no means the first dictator in Argentine history."

"The fact that one of the chief developments in the present trouble has been the government's step toward bringing back professional prostitution is an indication of how the Peronist mind is working. Virtuous Baptists would get along with this crowd no better than good Catholics."

Actually, the Southern Baptist Convention carefully avoided identifying itself with or against any political regime in Argentina. It was on the historic Baptist position of separation of church and state that the Convention took its stand. It might be pointed out to our Catholic neighbors that the current troubles of the Catholic Church in Argentina are due to the historic position of their church, which seeks to unite church and state in every way possible. The Catholic Church uniformly begins with relatively minor issues, like public funds for transportation of children to parochial schools, but though it exercises patience for centuries, is never satisfied until the princes of the church finally control the state.

Never in any land, including Italy and Spain and Argentina, has the Catholic church raised its voice on behalf of religious liberty for a minority religious group, such as Baptists.

On the other hand, as a typical Baptist, I not only have respect for the religious convictions of my devout Catholic friends, but would also fight for their right to hold and propagate their faith.



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Otherwise a letter of inquiry will have many read it.

Woman's Missionary Union

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B. W. C. House Party—Garaywa



Business women from 36 churches and 48 circles gathered at Garaywa for the week-end of September 16-18. There was a total registration of 160. The theme was constantly before the house party in the worship center—a large world globe which carried the words "Horizons Unlimited." The missionary emphasis was strong with three areas of our World Mission task presented by Mrs. Deavers Lawton, Missionary to Thailand, Miss Oleta Snell, Missionary to Chile and Mrs. Ewell Payne, Missionary to the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina.

There were six Foreign students present, each of these gave a witness of their own Christian experience and something of the work in their country—Anis Shorosh, Jordan; Sam Matakier, Jordan; Bertha Kim, Hawaii; Douglas Tuan, China and Direk Arayakasol, Thailand. Miss Camille Ongais, of Hawaii, led the singing and was the soloist.

The mission offering of \$210.00 was divided among the three missionaries to be used in their work.

The Rainbow Banquet was one of the highlights. Northside B. W. C. was in charge of decorations. Programs in the rainbow colors and pots of gold added much color to the occasion. One of the special features was the method of finding our places at meal time! Miss Eleanor Bridges, of Belzoni, had arranged a different scheme based on missions for each meal. She used modes of travel, flags of the nations, tribes of the American Indians

and Moslem Countries. This provided atmosphere, missionary background and emphasis.

Mrs. Tommy Hale, of Pontotoc, state chairman of the B.W.C. Federation presided. She was ably assisted by the officers, Mrs. Hershell George, Pontotoc, Secretary; Sue Tatum, Yazoo City, Community Missions Chairman; Lorene Bridges, Raymond, Mission Study Chairman; and Irene Laird, Florence, Stewardship Chairman.

District Meetings

Speaker: Miss Vera Campbell, Japan

October 25, District 6, Newton

October 26, District 5, Ackerman

October 27, District 4, Pontotoc (First Baptist Church)

October 28, District 3, Grenada (First Baptist Church)

Speaker: Miss Mary Neal Morgan, Japan

November 1, District 2, Clarksdale (First Baptist Church)

November 2, District 1, Clinton

November 3, District 7, Rich-ton

November 4, District 8, McComb (First Baptist Church)

Foreign Mission Graded Series

"The Moslem World"

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50, 40 and 25 Years Ago

By J. L. BOYD Sr.

50 Years Ago

Rev. J. E. Wills assisted in the revival meeting in the Damascus Church, Copiah County, which resulted in 21 accessions, 17 for baptism.

Pastor T. J. Barksdale of Liberty, Amite County, tells of a fine meeting in Tangipahoa Church, Amite County, with Rev. W. R. Cooper of Itta Bena doing the preaching, resulting in four baptism.

40 Years Ago

Rev. J. D. Franks of Durant did the preaching in the meeting of days in the Silver Creek Church which resulted in 18 additions, 11 for baptism.

25 Years Ago

Pastor C. Z. Holland did the preaching in the Cascilla Church revival, Tallahatchie County, with 25 additions resulting, 21 for baptism.

Rev. R. L. Breland reports that the Decatur Baptist Church changed its name in 1927 to Clarke-Venable Memorial in honor of two former pastors, N. L. Clarke and R. A. Venable. It was organized in 1836 and located ten miles east of Decatur and first known as Enon Baptist Church; moved to Decatur about 1846, and changed name to Decatur Baptist Church in 1851.

Congress Shipment Comes In—Too Late

LONDON, England—(BP)

—A tract prepared for distribution at the Southern Baptist Convention booth during the Baptist World Congress here arrived recently, a month too late.

That British ship and dock strike during the summer delayed the shipment of the tracts, entitled "Thank You, British Baptists!" The tracts were prepared by the Executive Committee of the Convention and contained the names of all Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Although too late for most of the Congress delegates to receive, they were sent out to British Baptists and have been received favorably.

The Baptist Times, edited by Past Alliance President F. Townley Lord, commented that the tracts were a "warm-hearted gesture from our friends across the Atlantic."

The tracts "thanked" British Baptists for having produced such great Baptist statesmen as John Bunyan, Roger Williams, William Carey, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, J. H. Rushbrooke, and others.

Leland, Second Ordains Preacher

Rev. Herschel Wren was ordained to the Ministry of the Gospel by the Second Church, Leland, on Sunday afternoon, September 18. He had been licensed by this Church more than a year ago.

Rev. L. L. Nicholson of Rolling Fork and pastor of Holly Grove Church in Sunflower County brought the Ordination Sermon on the subject "God and I". The Ordaining Prayer was led by Rev. Grady Goodman, Pastor of Parkview Church in Leland. Following the "Laying on of Hands" by the ministers and deacons Rev. C. R. Pierce, Jr., Pastor of Lake Village, Arkansas, Church gave the Charge to the Candidate. Rev. M. E. Perry, Pastor of the Second Church, Greenville made the Charge to the Church. A Bible was presented to the Candidate by Rev. H. G. Collins, Pastor of the Second Church, Leland.

Mr. Wren is a senior at Clarke College. He was recently called to pastor a newly organized mission of the Lake

Simpson Church Catches Up On Five-Year Pledge

The Strong River Church, Simpson County, has sent in a check for \$156.11 to the Co-operative Program, the amount the church had pledged since 1951 but had not paid, it has been revealed by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Rev. Frank W. Lawton, the pastor, indicated the church was determined to catch-up on its pledge and thus raised and forwarded the funds.

Village Church in Arkansas; which at present is using a building also used as a Negro Church. Already there have been a number of professions of faith and transfers of letter.

Mr. Wren is the first minister to be ordained by the Second Church, Leland. Two other young men have been licensed since the Church was organized three years ago. These young men, Rev. Paul Moon and Rev. Herbert Hudson, are also in school at Clarke College.

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Malaya Mission Lists Urgent Personnel Needs

Urgent personnel needs were considered by the Southern Baptist missionaries in Malaya at their recent annual meeting, reports Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient.

The city of Singapore, with over a million people, still calls for an experienced pastor to lead the way in a full-time, aggressive evangelistic and church program.

The clinic at Kuala Lumpur has been closed temporarily because of insufficient missionary personnel. It ministered to more than 2,000 different patients and was a valuable ally of evangelism in that area. The Malaya Mission is urgently calling for a nurse and a doctor (perhaps a woman doctor) who will feel the challenge of this clinic need and opportunity.

The seminary at Penang, now in its second year, still has only one missionary couple on its staff. The need for reinforcement is critical.

A young woman for kindergarten work is sought to work with Miss Lydia Greene in the new kindergarten being set up in Singapore and to be Miss Greene's successor at the time of her forthcoming retirement.

The Indian population of Malaya, totaling about 800,000

people, offers a strategic opening to Southern Baptists. Many of these Indians are responsive to the gospel, and some were members of Baptist churches in India before going to Malaya, but they have no Baptist churches or leadership.

The Mission spent considerable time in a restudy of its working arrangements for co-operation with the Baptist churches of Malaya, seeking to hasten the progress of the gospel in the complicated racial, cultural, and religious setting found in the country.

Dr. Greene W. Strother was re-elected chairman of the Mission.

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Spanish Baptist Union Adds Eight Groups

MADRID (RNS)—Eight new Baptist communities in Spain applied for membership in the Spanish Baptist Union at its biennial convention here. This brings the number of Baptist congregations in the organization to 37 with a combined membership of 2,100 persons.

Theme of the convention was "Our Baptist Heritage." Much of the discussion at the meeting centered on the condition



Shown above is the Good Hope Church, Panola County. The day sessions of the 1955 Association were held there. Rev. M. C. Whitten is the pastor.

269 Register At Golden Gate

A record 269 students have registered for the fall semester at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkley, Calif.

and prospects of the Baptist Church in Spain and the problem of Protestant civil marriages in this country.

It was generally brought out that relations with Spanish authorities vary from relative smoothness in some areas to a certain degree of friction in others.

The three-day meeting was attended by 89 delegates — of whom about 20 were pastors — and 50 visitors. The sessions were preceded by a two-day conference of the Baptist Women's Union.

according to Dr. Jack W. Manning, registrar. This enrollment marks a 15 per cent increase over the highest previous record. Ninety-six are attending the seminary for the first time.

Analysis of the enrollment shows that there are 194 ministerial students, 58 in the field of religious education, 14 pursuing studies in sacred music, and three unclassified. The student body represents 31 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, and 4 foreign countries. Texas, with 54 students, tops the list of states sending students to Southern Baptists' only western seminary. Fifty Californians make up the second largest group.

Credit Where Due

By Dr. DUKE K. McCALL, Pres. National Temperance League

Church groups are quick to complain that the military which scoops up all of our young men through the draft seems to encourage the use of alcoholic beverages. It is considered big news when even a minor shift of regulations makes liquor more available to servicemen.

Contrast the following item taken from the monthly Newsletter of Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles I. Carpenter, chief of Air Force chaplains:

"The July to September, 1955, issue of Listen, published by the American Temperance Society, 6940 Eastern Ave., N. W., Washington 12, D. C. offers readers an attractively professional magazine on the subject of alcohol.

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We write the generals when we do not like what they do. Why not write Chaplain Carpenter or, even better, the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington 25, D. C., commending this emphasis on temperance by the chaplains?

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIRECTOR



William J. Simpson

William J. Simpson begins his work as Director of Young People's Work on October 1, 1955. By natural ability and by education he is one of the best qualified men in the Southern Baptist Convention to do this work with young people.

Mr. Simpson was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University in 1949, graduated from Southwestern Seminary with the Master of Religious Education Degree in 1951, and did a year's work toward his Doctor of Religious Education degree in 1952. After graduation from the seminary, Mr. Simpson became associate Sunday School secretary of Texas.

From 1953 until October, 1955, he served as educational director of the First Baptist Church of Decatur, Georgia. Mr. Simpson was married to Betty Ann Altman, in 1951. They have one daughter, Gail Cole, age one year.

You will be glad to meet Bill Simpson and work with him.

NOVEMBER 7

November 7, 1955, is an important day in your calendar of Training Union activities this year. We are expecting the attendance to soar even beyond the fine attendance at last year's meeting.

We have amassed a faculty that is very impressive and experienced and that would be hard to equal anywhere. Take advantage of every opportunity in your church or association to keep this announcement before the people.

This is an excellent opportunity for your Nursery Leader, Beginner Leader, and Primary Leaders as well as Training Union Directors, Pastors, and Educational Directors and oth-

ers interested in Nursery, Beginner, Primary work.

Associational Officers'

Planning Meeting, 1955

The dates and places are listed below. Plan to attend on the date and at the place most convenient to you:

Nov. 8—1st Baptist, Batesville

Nov. 10—1st Baptist, Carthage

Nov. 11—1st Baptist, Hattiesburg

Robert S. Cook of the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board is one of the featured speakers. All of the members of the Training Union Department of Mississippi will be there to join him and all associational officers in launching plans for the next year's work.

If you are elected to an associational office this year, you owe it to yourself and to your association to be present for this planning meeting. It will be of great value in planning your associational "M" Night program and projecting a program for 1956.

Endville Organizes

A new Training Union was recently organized at Endville Baptist Church of Pontotoc Association. Mrs. Roy Palmer of Rt. 1, Belden, is the Training Union Director. Mr. Thurman Bryant is Associational Training Union Director of Pontotoc Association and Rev. Foy Rogers is Associational Missionary.

Enlargement Campaign

1st Baptist, Yazoo City

First Baptist Church of Yazoo City recently engaged in a Training Union Enlargement Campaign under the leadership of pastor Dr. W. C. Fields, educational director, Fred Prince, and Training Union director, Charles Jackson.

A total of 157 were enrolled for the week with an average attendance of 126 maintained in the training course. The highest attendance was reached on Wednesday night with 138 present.

The faculty for the week is listed as follows: Mrs. A. A. Greene of West Point, Nursery, Beginner, Primary leaders; Miss Lois Tyler of Jackson, Junior leaders; Miss Neta Stewart of Jackson, Intermediate leaders; Rev. Roy Self, Superintendent of Missions, Yazoo and Madison Associations, Intermediates; Miss Louise Hill of Jackson, Young People; G. G. Pierce of Jackson, Adults. Juniors were taught by local leaders and Primaries by Mr. Fred Prince. An activity period was conducted

Louisville, First Names Ed. Director



Wilbur L. McKay

Wilbur L. McKay has assumed duties as Educational Director of the First Church, Louisville, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. James H. Fairchild. Mrs. McKay will serve as Associate Director of the Music Department, and will direct the Cherub and Carol choirs.

Mr. McKay comes to the Louisville church from Vicksburg where he has been employed as Chief Chemist with the R. G. LeTourneau Company. A native of Louisiana, Mr. McKay received his B. S. degree from the Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. Mrs. McKay, the former Beatrice Smith, is a graduate of Louisiana State University, from which she received her B. M. degree in music education, with a major in violin. As a member of the LSU Symphony Orchestra, Mrs. McKay travelled extensively through Europe, giving concerts in Holland, France, Luxembourg, Switzerland, England, and Belgium. Mr. and Mrs. McKay have two children.

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Police Say Young Boys Admit Damaging Church

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — (BP) — Five juvenile-age boys, according to St. Louis police, admitted breaking into the Carondelet Baptist Church here and damaging it.

They said they did it for "meanness." Their ages ranged from 8 to 12.

The church suffered about \$3,000 damage from the vandals flooding a basement, breaking windows, tearing up hymnals, and smearing walls with paint and ink.

for children of Nursery-Beginner ages.

One new Adult union was added, a Nursery Department, three Intermediates unions and an Intermediate Department as a result of the campaign.

Beulah (Holmes) Reports Progress

In seven months, the Sunday School at Beulah (Holmes) has tripled its enrolment; the Training Union has doubled; the Church has bought a bus. A new eight-room Educational Annex has been constructed, valued at \$8,000. A Choir Loft with elevated floor and curtains has been added to the Auditorium. They have leased a Pastorium; land has been donated for a Cemetery and pastorium.

"Certainly, the above paragraph reads like a fairy tale of success; however, Christ is the answer. The windows of heaven have opened unto us here at Beulah, and it seems that all the blessings have fallen upon us. God has given us 64 souls already baptized, with five more awaiting baptism. Sixteen have been added by letter. Our annex was completely built by the people of our Church at a cost for material of only \$1,500. Our church bus travels 140 miles per Sunday

Puzzle Answers

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bringing folks to Church," says Pastor W. Gene Wheelus, who attends Holmes Junior College. L. A. Byrd is Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. Jessie B. Mayo is Training Union Director.

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FAREWELL AND HAIL!!!

We are now at the parting of the ways, the close of the old year and the beginning of the new. The old year has been wonderful in so many ways. God has richly blessed us in the promotion of all our work, and for which we are grateful.

The new year is as bright as the promises of God, as some one has well stated. We are grateful for every good thing that has come to us in the year now closing, and much advance and progress have been in evidence.

But, as fine as these have been, we must not rest upon past accomplishments. There is much land yet to be taken for the Lord. Our best is not enough. New tasks, new goals, new possibilities, new hopes, new desires, new achievements lie ahead, not behind us.

As some one has said, "Hats off to the past; coats off to the future." There is work and much of it to be done this new year that we are now facing. Let's set for ourselves high aims and goals, and then work hard to achieve them. "We may aim high and land low, but we'll never aim low and land high." Also, "Not failure but

low aim is crime." The important thing is to be going somewhere, and it will help greatly if we know pretty well where that somewhere is.

So, farewell and hail — the old and the new.

THE FORWARD MARCH

When the Israelites had gone a short way on their long journey from Egypt to Canaan, they came to a place where they were surrounded by wilderness, Egyptians and sea. They knew not what to do, so Moses, their leader, talked to the Lord about it.

The Lord said to him, "Speak unto the Children of Israel that they go forward."

In this statement to Moses, God was not reflecting upon the distance they had already come, nor upon any of the worthwhile things they may have done. But he was telling him that was not the place he wanted him and the Israelites to remain. It was a very definite and positive command to him that there were other fields to take and other goals to achieve.

Thus is it ever so in the work of God. Not until the last person is won to Christ, and the complete task given unto his people to make his message known unto all nations is done, shall there be a stopping place in the mighty work of world evangelization.

God's direction for his people has always been forward, upward, inward, outward, but never backward. He was not satisfied for them to stay in Egypt when Canaan was their destination. Neither is he willing for us to remain where we are now when there are so many unreached people in need of Christ and his way of life.

Our Sunday schools have a very large part in all of this. It is the largest unit of a church. It is the church's greatest evangelizing agency. It is the church's most effective organization for financing the program.

Therefore, as we face the new year, may it be with a spirit of conquest; with a sincere desire to make it the greatest in our history in the important business of building the best Bible schools for people of all ages to come Sunday by Sunday to study the Word, full well realizing that if we are not weary in well-doing we shall surely reap.

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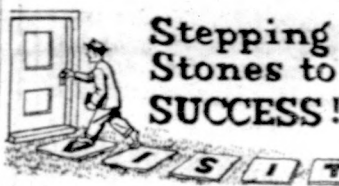
According to a newspaper report, a 17-year-old boy in an east Mississippi town was discovered dead at his home. His friend said he consumed an estimated four half-pints of booze at a liquor establishment outside the city limits the night before.

The County Coroner says that this is the second death under similar circumstances and involving the same establishment within a week.

Testimony in both instances indicated both youths had been drinking to some extent previously. It seems that two pints is the fatal limit, and each one is reported to have drunk that much.

The person that sold liquor to these young boys is a party to murder. The officers that allowed this open sale of liquor are also parties to this murder.

We doubt if the facts given above will ever appear in any of the ads put out by the liquor industry which indicate that liquor makes "Men of Distinction." In this case, it was not "distinction" but "extinction."



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Our sincere thanks to these fine workers for this good record.

AWARDS FOR AUGUST

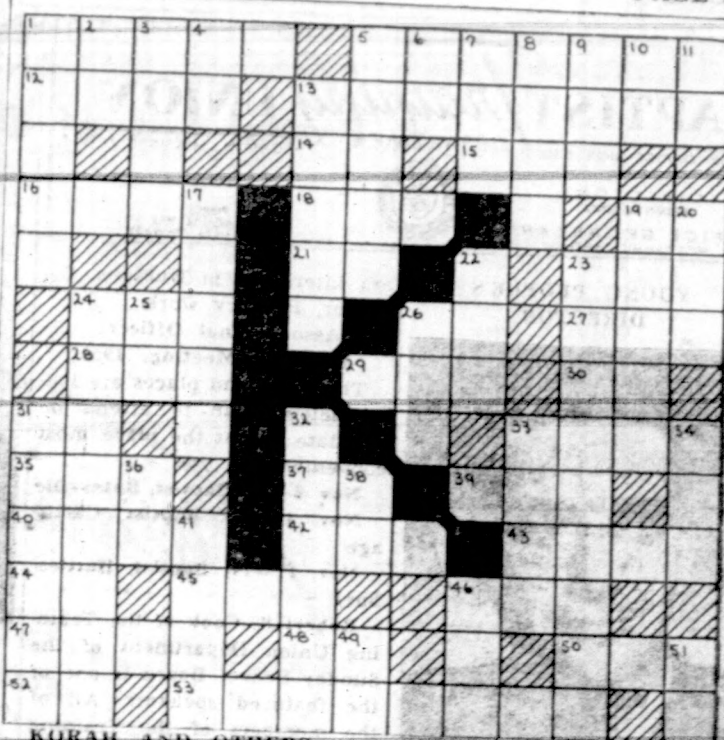
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HIGH FIVE ASSOCIATIONS

Hinds... 559
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Parkway... 175
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Southside, Meridian... 83



KORAH AND OTHERS DESTROYED Numbers 16

ACROSS

- 1 Korah, Dathan, Abiram and On rebelled against ...
- 5 Two hundred and fifty ... rebelled also
- 12 "and the earth ... her mouth" :30
- 13 "they ... themselves together against Moses" :3
- 14 Lira (abbr.)
- 15 Remunerate
- 16 Carry
- 18 Rowing implement
- 19 Newspaper item
- 21 Registered Nurse (abbr.)
- 23 Crafty
- 24 By
- 26 Protestant Episcopal (abbr.)
- 27 Succeed
- 28 Rodent
- 29 "lest ye be consumed in all their ... s" :26
- 30 Average (abbr.)
- 31 and 26 down "and they ... down quick into the ..." :30
- 33 "all Israel that were round about them ..." :34
- 35 Royal Victorian Order (abbr.)
- 37 "Get you ... from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram" :24
- 39 Sesame
- 40 Flow slowly
- 42 Hastened
- 43 "And they ... up before Moses" :2
- 44 United Kingdom (abbr.)
- 45 Unit of electrical resistance
- 46 "if the Lord make a ... thing" :30
- 47 Netherlands (abbr.)
- 48 "Lest the earth swallow ... up also" :34
- 50 "as he had made an ... of speaking all these words" :31
- 52 Doctor of Divinity (abbr.)
- 53 "and they ... from among the congregation" :33

DOWN

- 1 "And the earth opened her ..." :32
- 2 Observation post (abbr.)
- 3 "Hereby ye shall know that the Lord hath ... me" :28
- 4 Half an em

5 Wilderness on the south and southwest of Palestine Gen. 21:21

6 Right (abbr.)

7 Indicated horsepower (abbr.)

8 "whom he hath chosen will he cause to come ... unto him" :5

9 "fled at the ... of them" :34

10 Electrical Engineer (abbr.)

11 Northern State (abbr.)

13 "the ... of the Lord appeared unto all the congregation" :19

17 "and the ... closed upon them" :33

19 "went down ... into the pit" :33

20 Dynamics (abbr.)

22 "consumed the two hundred and fifty ..." :35

23 "opened her mouth, and ... them up" :32

24 "ye shall understand that these men have ... the Lord" :30

25 Each (abbr.)

26 See 31 across

31 "the ... clave asunder that was under them" :31

32 "what is Aaron, that ye ... against him" :11

33 "And there came out a ... from the Lord, and consumed" :35

34 "If these men ... the common death of all men" :29

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By A. L. GOODRICH

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Record readers in Copiah County are now listed as follows: HIGHLAND, 19; ANTI-OCH 28; BETHEL, 58; Carpenter, 18; COUNTY LINE, 69; CRYSTAL SPRINGS, 391; DAMASCUS, 52; Galilee, 15; GALLMAN, 59; Gatesville, 1; GEORGETOWN, 76; Harmony, 14; HAZLEHURST, 184; HOPEWELL, 38; New Providence, 14; New Zion, 1; PEARL VALLEY, 29; PILGRIMS REST, 47; POP-LAR SPRINGS, 28; Rockport, 15; Rocky Hill, 1; SARDIS, 37; SHADY GROVE, 77; SMYRNA, 32; SPRING HILL, 55; STRONG HOPE, 60; SYLVARENA, 48; WESSON, 132.

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Panola County

Panola County held its annual association with an evening program at Sardis and a morning and afternoon program at Good Hope.

Pastor M. C. Whitten and the Good Hope people had made great preparations for the meeting and the dinner was fit for a king.

The feature address of the morning session was made by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, our State Mission Secretary. He was at his very best laying upon the hearts of the people the needs of a sin-oppressed world.

As always in Panola County, the Baptist Record was given a good spot on the morning program.

Previous to the report on the Baptist Record Dr. Quarles had spoken and distributed sheets showing the per capita giving of the various churches. It was interesting to note that of five churches that gave most and did not have the Baptist Record as a part of their program averaged \$4.10 per member. THE FIVE CHURCHES THAT GAVE MOST THAT HAVE THE BAPTIST RECORD AS A PART OF THEIR PROGRAM AVERAGED \$8.09. In other words, the Baptist Record churches did almost twice as much per member as the non-Baptist Record churches.

Record readers in Panola County are now listed as follows:

Askew, 13; BATESVILLE, 273; COMO, 77; Courtland, 15; CRENSHAW, 47; Easley Me-

Pearl Ordains One Minister; Licenses Two



Calvin E. Phelps

On a recent Sunday Pearl Church in Rankin County ordained one minister and licensed two.

At the morning service W. J. Henderson and Major Carroll Speights surrendered to the



Henderson

Speights

full gospel ministry and were licensed to preach.

In an afternoon service Calvin E. Phelps was ordained to preach. In the ordination service Rev. J. B. Sebastian, chaplain at the Miss. Baptist Hospital, gave the charge. F. D. Holman, chairman of the deacons, presented the Bible. Rev. H. B. Speights, pastor brought the special message.

W. J. Henderson is married and the father of two children. He was converted at Pearl Church. He plans to enter college in the near future.

Calvin Phelps and Major Carroll Speights are both students at Mississippi College. The latter is the son of Pastor Speights.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT



morial, 14; ENON, 50; GOOD HOPE, 37; HEBRON, 42; LIBERTY HILL, 42; LOCKE STATION, 28; Longtown, 12; McIvor, 5; PEACH CREEK, 54; Pharsalia, 2; PILGRIM'S REST, 39; POPE, 36; Sardis, 17; TOCOWA, 21; UNION, 24; White Oak, 1; Shady Grove, 18; White Oak Grove, 4; CALVARY, 87.

Whose Book . . .

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the New Testament which we have in our Bible.

The New Testament was written by the apostles and by close associates of the apostles. The books were loved and read and carefully preserved by the early Christians. God Himself, in the passing of time, impressed upon the minds and hearts of His children the worth and the inspiration of these writings.

The ancient councils merely approved what was really received among the Christian people as the inspired Word of God. No council could include a book that was not already sealed by the approval of God among the people; nor could any council exclude a book that God had given to the churches.

Take for example the Book of Hebrews. No one knew who wrote it. Yet God said through the Spirit to the churches that it is His inspired Word. He says so today. In our New Testament you will find that book. What the councils did or did not do is immaterial. The people of God through the centuries recognized it as inspired and it became a part of the New Testament.

The gathering together of the New Testament books occurred in the two or three centuries after Christ, and it was done by the Holy Spirit through the minds and hearts of the early Christian people.

The books of the canon are their own apologists. They were revered as the Word of God among the believers in the East, in the West, in Africa, wherever the gospel message of Christ was preached. All this occurred before there was such a thing as a bishop of Rome pretending to be the papa (pope) of all the heritage of the Lord.

During those days the church of Rome was just one among many others and, if there were any bishops of the churches who claimed precedence and authority over others, they were more likely to be the bishops of the East, the patriarchs of Jerusalem, Antioch, Constantinople, than the bishops of the West.

For the modern bishop of Rome and his papal sect to lay claim to the New Testament Scriptures is as absurd as for them to appropriate the Hebrew Old Testament. All the churches and all the Christian people, accepted and loved these books everywhere and in all ages, have as the Word of God.

Now that the Roman Catholic Church has brought up this issue of the Bible, exactly what has been the attitude of the hierarchy toward it?

Instead of being a friend of the Bible, the Roman Church has been and still is its worst enemy. Under their hands it was suppressed for hundreds of years. Even the priests themselves were ignorant of it. When

Letters Reveal . . .

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Baptist Hour for several years and how much it means to her."

A letter received from Gainesville, Florida recently says, "My work requires that I be on duty every other Sunday 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. at the University of Florida Infirmary, therefore, without the Baptist Hour broadcast I would miss the service on those Sundays and

I'm sure many more who are not privileged to go church look forward too."

the Renaissance came, with its intellectual freedom, it brought a burning desire for learning that resulted in the reading of the Scriptures in their original languages and their translation into the vernacular of the people. What was the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church toward this discovery of the Bible? They fought to the death the translation, the distribution and the reading of the Bible. They made it an offense punishable by death even to possess a copy of the Word of God. They declared the saintly scholar, John Wycliff of Balliol College, Oxford, a heretic for publishing the Scriptures in English. He died in 1384, but they dug up his bones in 1415 to cast them upon a dunghill, later changed their minds, burned the remains with fire and threw the ashes in the River Swift, a tributary of the Avon. All this just to show their contempt for one who would dare give the Word of Life to the people.

The first three centuries of the Christian era saw imperial Rome cast to the wild beasts those found in possession of the Holy Books. After the development, centuries later, of what we know as Papal Rome, the same thing happened. Those found reading the Bible were burned at the stake, imprisoned, maimed, tortured, tormented. And yet, today, the same church comes forward as the sole possessor and champion of the Word of God, the Holy Scriptures! Every page of history denies that they are such. Every missionary on the foreign field denies that they are such. Their own conscience testifies against them.

Although for ages they have despised the Holy Word and exalted their own tradition, yet they have not been able to destroy the oracles of God that condemn them. We may say with Josephus, "After the lapse of so many years, never has one dared to add or take away anything in the Holy Scriptures." They have been compelled in spite of themselves to leave untampered the books of the Bible—even as they were given of God to His people.

Whose Book is it? God's Book. Who gave it to us? God. Through whom did He give it? Through His prophets and apostles. Who preserved it? God.

Adams To . . .

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tion, announced.

Dr. Adams has been pastor of the First Church, Richmond, Virginia since 1936 and was a member of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 1940-1950. He has been active in all phases of denominational life.

Dr. Adams made news recently when he was one of three Baptist from the United States invited to visit Russia following the Baptist World Alliance meeting in London.

Dr. Adams will discuss this trip to Russia on Frontiers of Faith. His choir from the First Baptist Church, Richmond will provide the music.

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Center Terrace Gets Minister Of Music



Charles Bacon

Charles Bacon has accepted the position of minister of music at the Center Terrace Church of Canton, and assumed his duties on September 25. He will also direct youth activities for the church.

He is a student at Mississippi College.

There were 12 additions to the church last Sunday, four on profession of faith, making a total of 104 additions this year with 55 for baptism. Rev. Sollie L. Smith is the pastor.

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JESUS ONLY (Vantage Press, Inc., New York, \$2.75) is written by Floris Ferwerda, a Presbyterian minister from Puerto Rico. The title is taken from Matthew 17:8: "They saw no man save Jesus only." This is not a book for the timid or the weak but a stirring challenge to the reader to reaffirm his faith in "Jesus Only" as the Christ, the son of the living God. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

To whom does it belong? To God and to us. Let no man rob you of your heritage.

Children's Page

GUESSING PARTY

By Ellen Brown

Let's have a new kind of party this time!" Angela said.

"What kind would be different?" asked Mark. He turned the pages of his book. There were stories in it about Jacob's dream, David and the giant, Ruth and Naomi.

"I know!" cried Mark, in great excitement.

Everyone listened, for Mark was always thinking up ideas that were great fun.

"Let's have a guessing party! Everyone bring something that reminds him of a Bible story. Then we'll all guess which story he is thinking about!"

"I've been to costume parties—that's like Halloween," one girl said.

"Oh, I don't mean to dress like them. Just bring something that reminds you of them, like a slingshot for David because he used one to fight the giant."

"That's a good idea!" Mrs. Haywood agreed. The afternoon for the party, one boy brought a tiny toy ladder. Everyone guessed that he was thinking of Jacob and his lad-

der that reached up into the sky.

One girl brought a song of praise. Everyone guessed that she was thinking of David and his happy songs.

Another girl brought a tiny bundle of grass about two inches long. That meant that she was thinking of Ruth and Naomi, but no one guessed it right away.

A boy had made several tiny lions of clay. The boys and girls knew that one, too—they reminded him of Daniel in the lions' den.

A girl brought a very bright coat, and of course she was thinking of Joseph and his coat of many colors.

Someone had a tiny pillow, and it was a long time before anyone guessed that it reminded him of Moses following a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night.

Another child brought a tiny rooster. Mrs. Haywood held the rooster up for all to see. No one could guess.

"What Bible story is about a cock crowing?" she asked.

"It's the one about Peter!" the boys and girls answered at once.

"You people know your Bible so well, you've guessed every one of them!" Mrs. Haywood said proudly, as she looked at the objects on the table beside her.

"Let's leave them all here!" she suggested. She took the tiny animals and placed them neatly. By each one the boys and girls printed the name of the story it reminded them of. They looked very nice and neat.

"This is the best party we've ever had!" said the children happily. "Let's have another one like it."

"That's what we'll do," said the others.

Then they had cookies and ice cream.

"I'll tell you," said Mrs. Haywood, while they were eating, "each Sunday let's bring something to remind us of the Bible story for that day. We can add to our collection until we have a whole picture book of them."

"Good!" the boys and girls said happily. And that is what they did.

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (BP)

— Miss Doris DeVault joins the staff of the southwide Woman's Missionary Union here Oct. 1 as secretary of Young Woman's Auxiliary (YWA) work. She has been serving the Arkansas state WMU as state youth secretary.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD
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Information Needed

Some weeks ago the Baptist Record published a story appealing for knowledge of any violation of the principle of church and state within the Southern Baptist Convention to be sent to Dr. Emanuel Carlson, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington 9, D. C. He desperately needs this information to incorporate in his folio when he goes to appear before the subcommittee headed by Senator Tom C. Hennings of Missouri that will begin an investigation of the violations of church and state on October 3.

This is most important because much stands to be gained or lost in this hearing. Some think that the Roman Catholics will use it in a measure to smooth over the violations leading the committee to say that everything is happy in that there are no serious incidences where the principle is being advocated. Of course, we all know that this is not true and that an intelligent testimony can do a lot to set the cause ahead.



Shown above are the preachers in attendance at the 1954 meeting of the Panola County Association. Left to right they are, front row: Julian Le Master, Paul Kolb, Robert Jackson, Arthur Houghton, J. B. Dorroh. Back row: M. C. Whitten, F. O. Martin, J. E. Trammel, M. P. Jones, Carl Duck, A. L. Flynt, Durrell Edwards.

Ministers Got Restraining Order Against Open Gambling Affair

TEXARKANA, Ark. (RNS) — A temporary restraining order obtained by a group of Texarkana ministers closed down a major part of the Four States Fair Carnival here.

The Texarkana Ministerial Alliance said the restraining order was sought because authorities were not enforcing gambling laws at the fair. The owner and operator of the shows was ordered to stop operating all games but he was permitted to continue rides and concessions selling food and souvenirs.

The order was signed by Judge Maxwell Welch of the Fifth District Bowie County, Tex. It was issued on a complaint signed by three Baptist ministers, the Rev. Royce J. Simpson, the Rev. James Cameron, and the Rev. John Coffman.

McLaughlin Says Roman Catholicism Forbids True Freedom of Thought

By EMMETT McLOUGHLIN

(Editor's Note: Emmett McLaughlin, former priest in St. Mary's Catholic church, Phoenix, Arizona, is now superintendent of Memorial Hospital, Phoenix. He is author of the book "People's Padre," available at the Baptist Book Store.)

The freedom of the human mind is fundamental in America. Freedom to think as one pleases, freedom to read, freedom to discuss, to argue, to take sides on any matter of philosophy, science or theology are among the self-evident rights of Americans.

The Roman Catholic church proclaims that it alone is the true religion. It reasons thus: Freedom is freedom to accept the truth. The Catholic religion alone has the truth. Therefore, freedom of thought means freedom only to accept the Catholic religion, and lest its members think or be tempted to think thoughts contrary to its doc-

trines, it reserves to itself the right to control the books they shall read, the movies they shall see, and even the radio and television programs they can enjoy.

"And from this most putrid spring of indifference flows that absurd and erroneous opinion or rather insanity that teaches and upholds that everyone should have freedom of thought."

Freedom of thought was also condemned by Pope Pius IX (Gravissimas inter, December 11, 1862) and by Pope Leo XIII (Immortale De, November 1, 1885). In 1888 he wrote, "By no means is it permissible to seek or to defend or to grant freedom of thought, freedom of instruction, freedom of writing... as rights granted to man by nature."

The famous Catholic Index of Forbidden Books controls the reading and therefore the thoughts of all Catholics and punishes with excommunication those who dare to think for themselves. Every priest must enforce the Church's Canon Law that details the Index, and therefore as a priest must crush the freedom of thought that as an American he should respect and encourage.

The Catholic parochial school system in the United States does not encourage freedom of thought. It suppresses that freedom. It channels the minds of some three million American children into a blind acceptance of a system of thought that is not only unAmerican, but actually destructive of our American way of life.

Freedom of thought is formally condemned by the highest authorities of Roman Catholic church.

Pope Gregory XVI, in his encyclical against "Modernism" (Mirari vos arbitramur" August 15, 1832), said:

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Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

What Is Tithing?

Question: Would you please explain tithing? When one works for a salary, should he tithe before his income tax and pension fund is taken out? Or just what he actually draws, his net income?

I am a now Christian and have asked several that should know but they don't seem to be sure.

Answer: Personally, I am on a salary and I tithe my total income, without taking out anything. Most tithers whom I know do the same.

There are some, however, who tithe their take-home pay. They feel that this meets the Scriptural requirement. Only God is capable of judging in this matter.

Look at it this way. The tithe is the minimum. Giving ought to go much beyond this if possible. If I were you I would

Rev. and Mrs. Archie G. Dunaway, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, have sailed for their field of service after furlough in the States. Their address is Baptist Mission, Okuta, via Shaki, Nigeria, West Africa. Mr. Dunaway is a native of McComb, Miss.

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Chesterfield Church in Bolivar County recently held revival services in which there were 16 professions of faith, one addition by letter, 40 rededications, and one person surrendering for full-time Christian service. Rev. Pete Steelman, Starkville, was the evangelist. Rev. James Head, pastor at Morrison Chapel (Bolivar) led the singing. Rev. Dan Stroud is the pastor.

see how much I could give to the Lord's cause, not how little in order to meet the requirements.

But whatever you do, tithe as you see it. Pray about it, read your Bible, and talk to some of the best Christians you know. Then do as you understand the will of God. His Spirit will help you to know if you will let Him remove all covetousness from your heart.

You are starting the Christian life right, so far as the money question is concerned. Keep it up.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

Mt. Pleasant Pastor Retires



Rev. R. O. Bankston

Rev. R. O. Bankston resigned his work at Mt. Pleasant Church (Smith County), in order to take up other mission service.

He and his wife will continue to live at Clinton, and will be available for supply, revivals, and teaching study courses. He expects to spend most of his time writing.

The pastoral work of Mr. Bankston began at Morgantown in Marion County. For 38 years he served rural churches in Simpson, Smith, Jasper, Rankin, Clay, Noxubee, Marshall, and Jefferson counties in Mississippi, and also Hickory Grove in Tennessee.

Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL COMING

Recently the certificates for all Hymn Players, Choral and Instrumental Groups were mailed. All of these should start looking forward to the State Music Festival which will be held in First Church, Jackson, November 25. All entries in the District Festivals are qualified to enter the State Festival.

Any church may increase the size of a Choral Group for the State Festival.

We are very anxious this year to have all of the Instrumental Groups qualified to enter our State Festival take advantage of this opportunity.

All Hymn Players may use the same number used in the District Festival, but it would

be advisable for them to select a new number. Be sure to select a number that will give the best opportunity in all of the areas of the Hymn Playing Program. Programs and materials with rule sheets will be mailed in the very near future.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College, and the Baptist Bible Institute (The New Orleans Seminary). Mrs. Bankston has been a loyal helper in every phase of his work.

TIME TO ELECT ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

The Associational Director of Music Education must be elected by the regular association, or the Associational Executive Committee. The other music officers may be selected by the Music Committee. Some associations will elect all the officers during the regular associational meeting.

The Music Department is anxious to secure the names of all newly elected music officers at the earliest possible moment. All Associational Music Directors are asked to send these names to the Music Office immediately. Appreciation is expressed to all of those in advance for helping us with this list of officers.

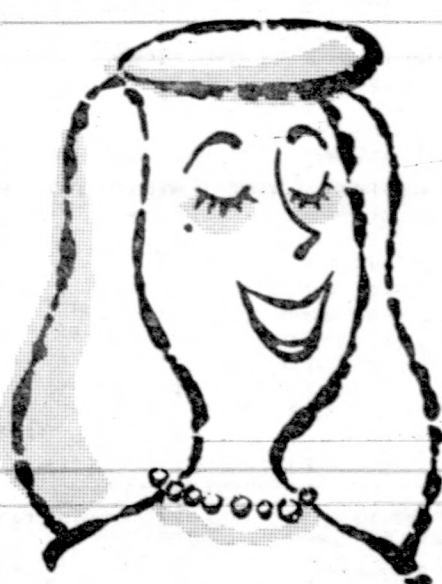
TIME TO REORGANIZE YOUR CHOIR PROGRAM

Many churches are reorganizing the various choirs for the coming year. Some churches are organizing new choirs. The Church Music Department is anxious to secure the names of all newly elected Music Leaders, Directors, Organists, and Pianists for the mailing list. Please send all of your newly elected Music Officers to the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson.

Features to Please the Whole Family!



DAD—For dad there's the up-to-the-minute sports page—not only chuck full of news and facts, but also pictures. And in the general news pages pictures and news stories take you to the scene for full accurate reporting on events in our city, state and out over the world. Subscribe now and see why the best read people read the State Times.



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Sparks & Splinters

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Albert V. Clark, Fayette; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ross, Stone-wall; Mrs. Mary B. Calhoun, Lena; Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Heltman, Lena; James L. Parker, Greenville.

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"The annual homecoming for Scotland Church, Winona, has been set for October 9. There will be a Memorial Service at the morning worship hour, picnic lunch at noon, and a fellowship period in the afternoon. All friends are invited and urged to attend."

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The annual revival recently held at Pleasant Church in Lincoln County resulted in four additions for baptism, four additions by letter, and a number of rededications. The pastor, Rev. Charles Pollack, did the preaching. Tom Moak directed the music.

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Glowing reports come concerning the work of Chaplain William H. Branan, Jr., 7966 Au, APO 58, New York, N. Y. Chaplain Branan is a native of New Albany, a graduate of Mississippi College and of Southern Seminary. He held pastorates in Mississippi before going into the chaplaincy. Recently Chaplain Branan accompanied Dr. Billy Graham for four services in France. The total attendance was 14,000 with 2,000 decisions for Christ.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (BP) — The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference will use the Music Hall here for its 1956 meeting, the Conference chairman announced. Sterling L. Price, pastor, University Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., said the meetings are scheduled May 28-29. The Music Hall, which seats 2,700 and is air-conditioned, has an entrance from the same street and same foyer as the Municipal Auditorium, where Southern Baptist Convention sessions will be held.

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Rev. Rustam Zal, formerly of India, who graduated from William Carey College in May and served as a missionary representative at Camp Garaywa this summer, is now the Evangelist for the DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST EVANGELISTIC TEAM. He may be contacted at P. O. Box 548, Wheaton, Illinois.

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There will be heard over Radio Station WCJV, Columbia, each Sunday evening from 3:15 to 3:45 P. M. a gospel program, "THE WAY OF THE CROSS LEADS HOME." This program is sponsored by free will offerings.

There will be singing, and a message by Lunn D. Turner.

Crosses Bamboo Curtain After 4 Years In Prison

HONG KONG — (BP) — The father of two Southern Baptist missionaries crossed the border into Hong Kong recently, after nearly five years in prison in Communist China.

Levi A. Lovegren, of Seattle, Wash., reached Hong Kong in time to celebrate his 67th birthday with his wife, who celebrated her 65th at the same time. Joining in the birthday reunion was their daughter, Mildred, a Southern Baptist missionary in Hong Kong.

Mrs. Lovegren has been living with her daughter here. Lovegren is a missionary, too, sent out by Conservative Baptists. The couple has a son, Lloyd A., a medical missionary serving Southern Baptists in Jordan.

Northside Church Constituted At Lucedale

The Northside Baptist Church of Route 4, Lucedale, was constituted on September 11, as a result of nine years of mission work by the Lucedale Church, Rev. Van Hardin, pastor.

Rev. F. Jeff Eubanks has accepted the work as Northside pastor. Church officers elected include: The Rev. Mr. Eubanks, clerk; Mrs. F. J. Eubanks, secretary; Claude Shepherd, treasurer.

Five deacons were ordained by the church last Sunday, and the church voted to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.



Shown above are the 1954 officers of the Panola County Association. They are: front row, left to right, Mrs. Lyda Lee, clerk; Rev. J. B. Dorroh, moderator; L. R. White, Training Union director and Convention Board member. Back row: Rev. Paul Kolb, associational missionary; H. D. Graham, Sunday School superintendent.

LOS ANGELES, (RNS) More than 2,000 members of Hollywood's First Presbyterian church chartered two trains for the first Gospel Train picnic in this area. The party in their pair of streamlined, 16-car trains, went to Redlands, Calif., where they held an all-day picnic and funfest. Dr. Raymond I. Lindquist, pastor, was named honorary engineer for the day. He and his staff helped serve free soft drinks and ice cream in refreshment cars. Dr. Lindquist named the outing "Operation Chew Chew."

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College tuition rates, fairly stable until World War II, have just about doubled in the last ten years. Better known institutions now charge \$600 to \$1,000 for a year's tuition. However, two population experts have estimated that the male college graduate would receive an average of \$100,000 in lifetime income than the average high school graduate. The average life-time income for an elementary school graduate is estimated at \$116,000; for a high school graduate, \$165,000; for a college graduate, \$268,000.

Wells Is Moderator Of Jasper Assoc.

Those who have attended sessions of the Jasper County Association since its organization in 1904 say the meeting this week was the best in its history.

The association is composed of nineteen churches. Messengers with fully prepared Letters came from all. Every church had contributed to the cooperative program; every one has a Sunday School; seven are full time, eleven half and one has fourth time. Baptisms, 77; Mission gifts \$13,766, home uses \$76,715.

The meeting was held with Fair Ridge church. Deep sorrow was expressed and felt in the loss by death of the moderator, Dr. Cecil J. Jones. Rev. C. G. Wells, Heidelberg pastor, was elected moderator for the next year, L. Waites, vice-moderator and Mrs. W. J. Shoemaker clerk. Dr. G. W. Land was re-elected to the Convention Board.

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Rev. Paul B. Johnson

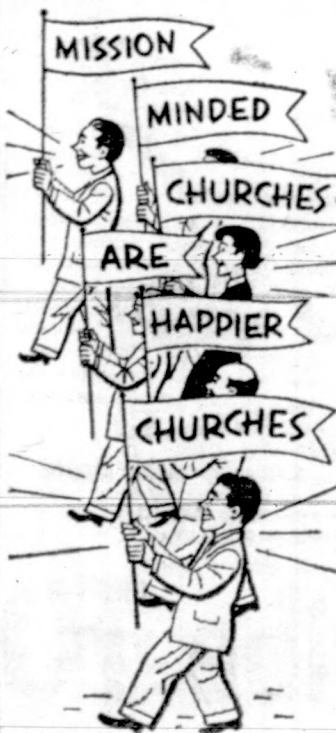
Paul B. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Johnson of Bassfield, was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Bassfield Church on August 21. He is a sophomore at Miss. College this year.

Rev. G. W. Smith is pastor of the Bassfield Church.

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The Rev. Levi A. Lovegren, an American Baptist missionary from Cherry Grove, Ore., who crossed into Hong Kong territory September 19, after five years' imprisonment in Red China, is the father of two Southern Baptist missionaries. They are Miss Mildred Lovegren, 169 Boundary Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong, and Dr. L. August Lovegren, Baptist Hospital, Ajloun, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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JOIN THE BROTHERHOOD WEEK

Layman's Day should result in an increased number of men serving through the Brotherhood. Use this day to launch "Join the Brotherhood Week" at which time a special effort will be made by the members of the Brotherhood to enroll at least one new member for every member already in Brotherhood. Suggestions for this "follow up" program will be found in your Layman's Day tract, copies of which may be obtained from your State Brotherhood Office, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Out of every 100 men in our churches, 25 do nothing. Twenty-five come occasionally. Twenty-five come regularly but are only bench warmers. Twenty-five carry the whole scoop of opportunities in the church. Twelve or less tithe and fewer than three are soul-winners. Is God pleased?

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Rev. L. T. Dyess Dies In Meridian

After an illness which dated from January of this year, the Rev. Louis Turner Dyess, 71, Baptist minister, died at a Meridian hospital Tuesday.

Born in Jasper county, he moved to Meridian 36 years ago and had had a prominent role in advancing the Baptist causes in that area. His last pastorates were at Midway and Grandview churches. Possessed of many talents, the Rev. Mr. Dyess had also been a school teacher in earlier years.

The minister leaves his wife, Mrs. Mattie L. Dyess; son, Chief Warrant Officer Carlton William Dyess, stationed with the U. S. Army in Tokyo, Japan; foster daughter, Mrs. Jean Walters, Houston, Tex.; mother, Mrs. Cora Dyess, Jasper county; two brothers, J. W. Dyess, Jasper county; and M. A. Dyess, Dunbar, W. Va.; three grandchildren.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

September 25, 1955

Canton		
Center Terrace	332	161
Clinton	714	407
Tupelo, Harrisburg	636	236
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	170	106
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	566	161
Hattiesburg,		
Main Street	1145	495
Mission School	5	
Clarksdale	487	161
Edwards	101	42
Durant, First	342	136
Laurel, First	634	164
Richland (Rankin)	268	96
Pearl (Rankin)	202	134
East Side (Rankin)	118	75
Flowood	89	100
Brjar Hill (Rankin)	88	57
Hattiesburg,		
38th Avenue	234	114
Jackson:		
Broadmoor	577	251
Crestwood	726	450
Van Winkle	643	321
Calvary	1702	484
Main	1648	450
Mission	54	34

Ridgecrest	421	169
Highland	116	92
Northside	879	229
Robinson Street	347	102
Daniel Memorial	822	410
Hillcrest	262	145
West Jackson	383	151
Southside	322	170
Alta Woods	730	300
Parkway	1277	625

Jackson:		
First	1538	522
Greenwood, Calvary	554	207
Clarksdale, Riverside	206	85
Byram (Hinds)	258	173
Cleveland, Immanuel	198	129
Pascagoula, First	983	344
Main	837	259
Orange Grove	89	57
McArthur Chapel	57	28
Hattiesburg, First	787	295
Friendship (Jackson)	95	78
Picayune, First	640	213
Anguilla	85	68
Beulah (Brownsville)	75	59
New Albany, First	741	215
Main	678	172
North Side Mission	63	43

Meridian,		
Poplar Springs Dr.	488	212
Glenfield (Union Co.)	101	87

Florence,		
Steen's Creek	203	83
Cleveland, First	549	148
Main	524	
Chinese Mission	25	
New Prospect (Desoto)	82	84
Lucedale	433	181
Mount Pleasant		
(Lincoln)	119	85
Brookhaven, Central	124	71
Calvary (Alcorn)	89	78
Red Banks (Marshall)	58	40
Kosciusko, First	946	353
Main School	929	
Maple Mission	17	
Columbia, First	1004	430
Main	901	370
So. Columbia		
Mission	103	60
West Point, Calvary	247	172
Starkville, First	755	319
Bethlehem (Jones)	182	137
Aberdeen, First	382	142

Darling	93	76
Scobey, Wayside	52	45
Hernando	185	89
Olive Branch	207	98
Calhoun City, First	345	156
Charleston, First	405	155
Longview (Oktibbeha)	104	88
Bay St. Louis, First	153	41
Morton	310	135
Corinth, Tate Street	263	89
Mendenhall	404	151
Meridian, Eastview	166	100
Crystal Springs, First	770	252
Highland (Lauderdale)	552	222

Canton,		
Center Terrace	332	161
Meridian, Southside	635	277

Murphy Creek		
(Winston)	161	120
Gillsburg	175	114
Meridian, Oakland	334	169
Soso, First	183	123
McComb, Friendship	208	105
Hattiesburg, Temple	684	220
Marks, First	278	
Booneville, First	300	104
Sharon, First		
(Jones)	144	92
Union (Walthall)	145	115
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	236	150
Fair River (Lincoln)	111	76
Newton, First	518	235
Clarkson (Zion)	75	66



Something different in Army Protestant worship was conducted in June by Chaplain, Major, Lester E. Burnette, Southern Baptist from Columbus and former pastor at Lexington, at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, when the congregation moved to the open-air bleachers under the trees, for a week of Revival.

Chap. Burnette, the Regimental Chaplain of the 188th Airborne Infantry Regiment, preached Evangelistic messages each night. Following the preaching services color movies were shown on a specially constructed out-door screen. The films included Billy Graham's "Souls in Conflict" and the Moody Bible Scientific film series.

The Revival was so successful that already plans are being made for similar services in the Fall of the year.

Gulfport, Grace		
Memorial	264	72
Gulfport, Broadmoor	248	106
Gulfport, First	1064	296
Biloxi, East Howard	241	144
McComb, Locust St.	119	70
Cross Roads (Rankin)	70	60
Columbus, First	1062	466
Main	986	412
Fairview	76	54
Greenville, Second	575	256
Brookhaven, Hamilton		
Street	151	71
Brookhaven, First	933	305
Main	786	214
Southway	104	53
Halbert Heights	43	38
Bethlehem (Choctaw)	36	29
Petal-Harvey	408	196
Main	352	174
Harvey Mission	35	
Richton Road	21	22
New Sight (Lincoln)	140	80
Emmanuel	279	134
Amity (Chickasaw)	42	56
Long Beach, First	266	87
North Greenwood	366	134
Friendship (Lincoln)	173	114
Crowder	174	121
Ruleville	301	194
Ripley, First	321	119
Purvis, First	360	103
Stonewall	210	123
Yazoo City, First	654	246
Oakland, Grove		
(Jones)	116	95
Laurel, Wildwood	247	81
Laurel, Highland	281	113

September 18, 1955		
Gulfport, Broadmoor	240	74
Glenfield (Union Co.)	116	100
Cleveland, First	542	147
Main	504	
Chinese Mission	38	
Ruth	53	
Booneville, First	313	88
Trinity (Itawamba)	124	70
Brookhaven,		
Pearlhaven	163	68
Eupora, First	258	86

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It is not the talented but the consecrated who serves the best.

—The Liberator

How Many Sacrifices?

But don't Protestants believe that every sin must be paid for?" Jim asked his friend, a well known Bible-believing Protestant layman. "Why, yes," Ted replied, "Protestants have always believed that all sin must be paid for."

"But you don't believe that church attendance, donations to the church, going to mass, and repeating prayers help to pay for sins, do you?"

"No, Jim, the Bible makes it clear that none of our actions, however good they may be, can help to pay for our sins. From the beginning of time there has been only one sacrifice for sin. The Bible says: 'Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many.' (Hebrews 9: 28)."

"Do you mean that there is nothing we can do to help pay for our sins?" Jim continued.

"If we follow the Bible," Ted replied, "it is the incapable conclusion that there cannot be any further sacrifice for sin. Nothing we do, nothing we give, will serve to gain merit for us in the sight of God. Everything that can be done has already been done in the sacrifice of the Son of God, Jesus Christ."

"Well, then, how do we gain favor in the sight of

God?" Jim asked.

"Just by accepting His favor, Jim. Either we must decide to accept God's free gift of salvation through the completed sacrifice of Jesus Christ, or we neglect the offer and thereby cut ourselves off from the mercy of God. The Bible makes this choice clear when it says that 'the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.' (Romans 6: 23)

Bible-believing Christians know that salvation is based on faith in the completed sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This faith results in the performance of good deeds. Good deeds are a natural characteristic of the believer in Christ, but they are not a means of salvation. The Bible makes this clear when it says: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2: 8-10)

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Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. BRACEY CAMPBELL

For October 2.

BIRTH OF JESUS

Scripture Texts: Luke 2:1-40; John 1:1-18.

The religious leaders of His day did not recognize Jesus as the Messiah. He did not fit in to the Messianic conceptions of the religious scholarship, or rather the religious leadership of His day. Proud in the smug satisfaction they felt in the correctness and sufficiency of their conception of the coming Christ, rendered the religious leaders incapable of recognizing and welcoming Him when He came.

So the birth of Jesus, the Messiah or the Christ, if you like that word better, the greatest event that had ever occurred, was, to these leaders and the masses of the people, but the birth of another poor child to a pair of poverty-stricken peasants from a provincial village by the side of the highway. The feeble cry of an infant broke the silence in a cattle stall. "Well, what of that?" Only that the unusual place where it was uttered gave hint that the child had been born in unusual poverty and obscurity.

The lesson we draw from the scripture today is assigned to emphasize the importance of the historical facts of the coming of the Christ of God into our world and is designed to open our minds to the importance of that coming. I have said that there was the cry of an infant in the night; that was all, and yet it was the birth-cry of a new era pulsing in the womb of the world. In that cry, faith by the standards of foolish men, God had sounded forth the trumpet that should never call retreat but continue its swelling challenge to the advance, to the onset, to the struggle that should never know pause or cessation till the tall hills of God should echo the shout of Emanuel's final triumph.

The scripture we read today is, indeed appropriate to the Christmas season; but the Christmas season has come to mean a giving and forgiving time. It has come to speak of the artistic and emotional and spiritual emphasis which rescues our lives from the sordid and links them to the lofty. But the lesson we ought to get now is that of the importance to the political, economic, social, and cultural life of the world.

I. GOD'S ANSWER TO AUGUSTUS

The very name Augustus means great, magnificent, large. The man who bore it in the day of our Lord's birth was a grand-

nephew of Julius Caesar, the impersonation of force and murder and ruthless rule Augustus took the name of Caesar to ally himself with his great uncle Julius, and assumed the title Emperor, the first man to bear it. His senate voted him the name Augustus, and that title also bears the suggestion that he was of divine descent and character.

His supporters in Augustus' day pointed with pride to the fact of the peace which brooded over the broad expanse of the Roman world as a result of Augustus' reign over the Empire; but this Pax Romana was a peace into which the world had been bludgeoned by the mailed fist of the Roman power. It was the peace of slavish fear, the peace of a world of slaves under the fear of the Master's lash, the peace of a generation which had learned from both experience and observation that the only alternative to slavish obedience was death.

Augustus the Emperor decided to lay a poll tax upon the inhabitants of his vast empire, but he must know how many of these inhabitants there were, and so there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world, that is, all the Roman Empire, should be enrolled, that is that an Empire-wide census should be taken.

The conditions set forth for the taking of this census required that all the people return each to the village or city which was regarded as the home of his family and there be enumerated. Old men and women were required to start a long while before and trudge for hundreds, maybe a thousand miles to the scene of the residence of the clan or tribe to which they belonged. Thus Mary of Nazareth, in the delicate condition of a young woman near to becoming a mother, was forced to undertake the long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Do you wonder as to her mode of travel? So far as I know, no one knows. Maybe she rode a donkey—nobody knows. Maybe she walked. But in her obedience to the decree of Caesar Augustus, we have an example of the operation of the absolute rule of Augustus.

As impersonated in Augustus, we see political power, "this world" power at its highest height. We have had many tyrants in the world since Augustus was master of many kings, but we have never seen tyrannical power at greater height or wielded with a greater degree of ruthlessness. Filthy in his private life, utterly unscrupulous in his public and his private dealings, cruel as the grave; yet he was a man of such remarkable ability that the whole Roman world sat astounded at the news of his death. His was a strictly world-

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young

Called and Accepted: Glen Melton, Emmanuel, Crossville, Tenn.

James R. Helvey, Jr., Newton, N. C.

George Hulsey, Southside, Pensacola, Fla. from Gilmer St., Cartersville, Ga.

Warren C. Robards, Airline Chapel, Henderson, Ky. from Robards, Ky.

Dewey E. Williams, Bridge-dale, New Orleans, La., from Hopewell, Miss.

C. Clark Holt, Woodlawn, Wichita, Kansas from Forest Ave., Kansas City, Kan.

E. W. Campbell, Highland, Cody, Wyoming, from Thayer, Carlsbad, N. Mex.

ly philosophy. His habits of life conformed to his low desires.

He was master of this world order as far as he understood it. He did not know that he was also a man under authority of the King of Kings. And how did the King of Kings give attention and answers to the brutal worldly despot of the Roman world?

God simply bent low and laid a dimpled baby in the tender arms of a village girl. And the Son of God came down to oppose the power of the Eternal to the fiendish power of the wicked world.

II. OUR KING OF ROYAL BLOOD

Of course we know Him in our lives as the real only begotten Son of God. To us He is very God of very God, begotten, not made, king by divine right unto the ends of the earth and to the last syllable of time. But beneath that, He holds through his descent from David the right to the crown of the King through whom God had over and again declared Himself satisfied to rule the kingdom made of the men and women who were His by their choice of Him as everlasting portion for all the worlds, present and to come.

But our Lord would not accept the corrupted, cruel, and shameful crown of the world's blighted sovereignty. Could He have commanded twelve legions of angels to His defense? He said He could. Could He, by doing obeisance to Satan have gained the worldly sovereignty of the earth? Other and meaner men have done so. To have gained the sovereignty of the world by the devil's offer would have been to have taken leave forever of the means by which one day He will attain to the righteous rulership.

And as to those who will be with Him in His glory, how are they to attain to this glorious station and enjoy his thrilling triumph with Him?

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CONVENTION LEADERS



Pictured above are, top row, Mr. Robert S. Denny, Nashville, Tenn., and Mr. Frank Boggs, Tallahassee, Fla., and bottom row, Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant, Nashville, Tenn., and Rev. Harold Cole, Columbia, South Carolina, who are to participate in the program of Mississippi's annual Baptist Student Convention to be held at Mississippi College October 28-30.

Mr. Denny is an Associate in the Student Department of the Sunday School Board; Mr. Boggs is the Minister of Music for First Church, Tallahassee; Mrs. Pylant is head of the Church Recreation Service of the Sunday School Board, and Mr. Cole is State BSU Secretary for South Carolina.

My Favorite Bible Verse

I. By Mrs. J. H. Arnold

"These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His name." (John 20:31), King James.

II. By Mrs. Ethel Crum, Crosby

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (II Chronicles 7:14), King James.

III. By Mrs. B. F. Priest, Gloster

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1), King James.

IV. By Virginia Hughes, Bailey

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:5), King James.

Be praying with us that God will give us our greatest Convention.

THE BOARD MEETING

Although we were not given the Associate we believe our Department needs, we are grateful to the Lord for putting into the hearts of the members of our State Convention Board the granting of most of the financial needs of the Student Work for the year beginning November 1, 1955, and ending October 31, 1956.

Especially are we grateful for the salary increase, for the \$2100 for a Hinds County Associational BSU Director and the \$700 for an Itawamba Junior College BSU Director beginning Jan. 1, 1956, and for the inclusion of the Mississippi State Baptist Student Center in the proposed 2½ million dollar drive for Christian education.

All in all, we are grateful for a very harmonious and, in relation to all the work of Mississippi Baptists, a very significant convocation.

Miscellaneous

We feel sure it's still not too late to order bulk lots of the October Baptist Student at \$7.50 per 100 from Student Dept., Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. T. T. Gooch, of Oakland, who was recently accidentally killed, believe in and supported our work as well as the whole program of Miss. Baptists. We sympathize with his family in their loss and revere his memory.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: J. J. Denson, Bay Springs; Rev. Edward E. Eckman, McComb; Clarence N. Walker, Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. Barney Porter, Brookhaven; Mrs. Carroll Bardwell, Brookhaven; Mr. and Mrs. George Fletcher, Columbus, Ohio; Rev. Johnny Foy, Soso; Bilbo Hinton, Taylorsville; W. C. Sims, Soso; Mrs. Malcolm Hay, Memphis, Tennessee; Rev. C. G. Wells, Heidelberg; Rev. E. M. Causey, Klamath Falls, Oregon; Dr. J. E. Lambdin, Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Waring, Brookhaven.

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DALLAS, Tex. — (BP) — Texas Baptists will invite the Southern Baptist Royal Ambassador Congress to meet in the Lone Star state in 1958. The Congress of the boy's organization meets every five years.

Will Paint Pictures for Baptistry. Any Size Can Give References.

Mrs. J. J. Smith
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Shown above is the first baptismal service ever held in the Moak's Creek Church, Lincoln County. The Pastor, Rev. Harold Douglas, is shown with the three candidates as the Baptistry was dedicated. The three are Paula Jean Thornhill, Betty Hutson and Darrell McCaffrey.

The baptistry was built at a total cost of \$296 which was paid for through the Sunday School. H. L. Thornhill, Chairman of the building committee and Sunday School Supt., led the Sunday School in this endeavor through the challenge that most of baptisms result from Sunday School. A great portion of the money came from the children themselves.

The scene was painted by Earl Curter of Kentwood La. It is an artist's painting of an actual Jordan River scene taken by Rev. Henry Joe Bennett of Byram.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE

Foreign Board Encouraged By Convention Undergirding

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, told the Board in its September meeting that God is moving in the hearts of Southern Baptists.

"Never before has there been such widespread undergirding of the whole mission task by the entire constituency of the Convention," he said.

"The Convention is focusing all of its efforts upon an advance in world missions. This means not only advance in foreign missions but in every aspect of our world task. It is obvious that any advance must come to its culmination in a larger outreach in giving the gospel to the world beyond the borders of our own country."

Dr. Cauthen was referring specifically to the special emphasis to be given to world missions during 1956 and 1957 by the entire Convention. "It could well be that this emphasis will enable the Foreign Mission Board to arrive at its minimum objective of 1,750 missionaries at a far earlier date than heretofore has been anticipated," he said.

"These developments bring to us at the Foreign Mission Board a twofold sense. On the one hand there is a sense of rich opportunity. We also sense a very great responsibility which comes to us now in light of these developments. This calls us to new depths of prayer and challenges us to exert courage and wisdom and look to God for his constant guidance."

Relief Funds Increase

Treasurer Everett L. Deane reported receipt of \$9,856 for world relief during August, the largest amount in any one month since January, 1954. However, the total of \$34,891 for the first eight months of this year is \$3,543 less than in 1954.

Continuing calls for relief of need in destitute areas of the world make it imperative that Southern Baptist churches and individuals continue to make available money for relief of the world's suffering.

Money for relief should be sent to the Southern Baptist Relief Committee, care of the Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20 Va.

Latin America Requests 248 New Missionaries
Southern Baptist missionaries resident within a given area are organized into a democratic organization called a Mission. Although each Mission is governed by the actions and policies of the Foreign Mission Board, it has a great deal of initiative in projecting its own

program. Once each year the members of the Mission come together to think, plan, and pray about their work.

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, said the requests for funds for field operations for next year from the 17 Missions in Latin America are \$186,447.33 in excess of the total amount approved for the 1955 budget. "It is our hope that the Board's receipts from the 'Advance' section of the Co-operative Program will be sufficient to underwrite at least a

part of the items which cannot be included in the budget," Dr. Means said.

The Latin American requests for capital needs for 1956 add up to \$2,189,757.50. Requests for new missionaries total 248 (98 couples and 52 single women). "There have been no appointments to 11 of our 17 Missions in Latin America within the last 12 months," Dr. Means said.

"The reports from the Missions tell a thrilling story of continued advance," he said. "They also reflect unselfish devotion to the cause of Christ on the part of the missionaries and an equal degree of devotion on the part of the nationals. In the state of Guerrero, Mexico, for example, Baptists will endeavor during the coming year to win one for every baptized believer who is a member of one of the churches. A country church in North Brazil has established a preaching point in a near-by town, thus reversing the usual process. A man in North Brazil reportedly walked 175 miles to attend the Baptist encampment at Correnete. A series of Sunday School Training Schools have just been concluded in Rosario, Argentina. The three directors of the campaign were Argentines. Some 40 churches — almost a fourth of the Argentina Baptist churches — were represented."

Hong Kong — Macao Mission Needs Trained Specialists

The report of Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, one of a series describing the several fields in the Orient where Southern Baptists have mission work, dealt with the Hong Kong-Macao Mission.

Hong Kong and Macao are two small colonial outposts on the south coast of China. Since the closing of mainland China to outsiders, these two colonies have assumed magnified importance.

Hong Kong is a British colony and a major commercial center, with about 2,500,000 people.

Second, Greenville Ordains Preacher



Rev. F. P. Wolfe

Rev. F. P. Wolfe was ordained to the full ministry of the gospel on August 21 at Second Church, Greenville after being examined by the following committee: Rev. D. I. Young, Rev. Jessie Hinson, Rev. S. F. Marsh, Rev. M. E. Perry, and Deacon F. E. Chapman.

The approximately 20 deacons of Second Church, Mr. Hinson, and Mr. Young participated in the laying on of hands. Pastor M. E. Perry brought the ordination prayer.

Beulah Church, Inverness has called Mr. Wolfe to its full-time pastorate. He attended college at Piedmont Bible College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Macao is a Portuguese colony of historical interest, with a population of about 350,000.

Dr. Crawley's report said: "Over 90 per cent of the people in both colonies are Chinese. Perhaps about 700,000 are recent refugees from the Communists in mainland China and present a constant and compelling relief appeal."

"Baptist work in Hong Kong has a long history. Over a century ago, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Lewis Shuck began work there. . . With the closing of mainland China, Southern Baptist missionaries were again located in Hong Kong, beginning in 1949. We now have 22 missionaries assigned to the Hong Kong-Macao Mission. The work has grown rapidly, with statistics at the end of 1954 as follows: 13 churches, 21 chapels, and a total membership of almost 8,000."

"An important aspect of Baptist work in Hong Kong is educational. The Pooi Ching and Pooi To schools are outgrowths of similar schools in Canton. They have approximately 4,000 and 1,400 students respectively. The Henrietta School (named for Mrs. Henrietta Hall Shuck) is a smaller school, with about 360 students, but is now engaged in an enlargement program. There are also small primary schools in refugee areas."

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

Church	Enr	Off.	Mission
Sapa (Zion)	55	\$ 6.68	
Liberty (Lauderdale) 35		5.37	
Mayersville (Sharkey Issaquena)	69	5.50	
Beulah (Holmes)	78	6.50	
Step Hollow (Pearl River)	103	24.00	
Oak Grove (Calhoun) 33		1.00	
Klyles Chapel (Calhoun)	32	1.50	
Pine Bluff (Union) 88		1.00	
O'Zion (Franklin)	58	21.00	
Pine Grove (Simpson)	85	18.07	
Knox (Walthall)	35		
Pilgrim's Rest (Calhoun)	75	10.73	
Pine Grove (Lauderdale)	121	10.46	
Terrys Creek (Pike) 120			
Carriere (Pearl River)	102	9.12	
New Haven (Choctaw)	58	6.07	
McCurrian Creek (Choctaw)	28	4.00	
Shugualak (Noxubee)	92	10.12	
Hamilton Street (Lincoln)	137	13.82	
South Side (Lebanon)	139	9.25	
Harperville (Scott) 75		16.16	
Ridge (Scott)	51	7.76	
Bethany (Jeff. Davis)	50	9.13	
Johnson Creek (Greene)	27		
Bogue Chitto (New Choctaw) 172		4.45	
River Ave. (Lebanon)	121	7.00	
Community (Tippah) 30		3.50	
North Side Mission (Union)	65	6.51	
Zion (Pontotoc)	80	10.02	
Lantrip (Calhoun) 27		2.04	
New Hope (Calhoun)	52	3.12	

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

October 3 — W. B. Tennyson, Trustee, Blue Mountain College; Lester Brown, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage.	
October 4 — John E. Stone, Trustee, Mississippi Baptist Hospital; W. M. U. Officers Clinic.	
October 5 — Rev. L. F. Haire, Calhoun Association Missionary; Dr. E. I. Farr, Mississippi College faculty.	
October 6 — Mrs. H. M. Craft, Jr., William Carey College faculty; Dr. T. R. McKibbens, Jones Association Chair-man of Evangelism.	
October 7 — James Bullock, Lincoln Association Music Director; Kermit Sanders, Leake Association Training Union Director.	
October 8 — Fredy Nealy, Jackson Association Brotherhood President; Paul Booth, Baptist Building.	
October 9 — Layman's Day; Mrs. J. C. Rochester, Marshall Association W. M. U. Superintendent.	
Rocky Branch (Calhoun)	35
Bethel (Calhoun) 137	18.00
Ogden (Yazoo)	46
Lowrey Memorial (Tippah)	127
Fudy (Leflore)	319
Mt. Olive (Carroll) 96	8.88
Big Creek (Calhoun) 40	
Joe Wheeler (Jones) 80	7.86
Boyle (Bolivar)	116
New Concord (Jasper)	24
Clear Creek (Marion)	72
White Oak (Smith) 94	16.64
Long Creek (Lauderdale)	84
Pecan Grove (Jones) 87	10.00
Locust St. (Pike) 141	19.50

Preacher Banished from Boston For Religious, Political Views

(17th Century Baptist Press)

NEWTOWN, Mass., October 9, 1635 — (BP) — Roger Williams, the Puritan firebrand who fled to America from England to escape persecution for his religious beliefs, has been forced to leave the colony of Massachusetts Bay for the same reason.

For repeatedly expressing "new and dangerous opinions" and writing defamatory letters against the church and state and refusing to make retraction, the boldly aggressive minister was permanently banished from Massachusetts. The court decree gave Williams six weeks to leave the colony.

Governor John Haynes presided at Williams' trial yesterday, held in the harsh surroundings of Newtown Church with its rough wooden benches and cold dirt floor. The entire body of Massachusetts deputies and magistrates was assembled, with fourteen ministers of the gospel present to serve as court counselors.

Williams faced the governing body alone and made his own defense, but it seemed to be a foregone conclusion that the pugnacious Puritan would be found guilty. Nevertheless, Williams made a firm impression on his accusers with his usual forthright plea for justice and religious freedom.

The court did not lack for samples of the preacher's bitter attacks on the church and state. First was a letter to Williams' congregation at Salem. Unable to fill his pulpit due to illness, the preacher requested in the letter that the church withdraw from all other New England churches "until they purge themselves from errors."

The controversy was settled when Williams resigned as pastor after failing to win the support of the congregation. He followed the same course in Boston several years earlier under similar circumstances. He retained a large following in Salem, however.

Also introduced was an open letter Williams had written to the churches of New England in which he denounced the general court of Massachusetts for meddling in church affairs. The trial revealed that the court had attempted to have Williams dismissed from his pastorate in Salem for his extreme religious and political views. As endowment the court offered a piece of land sought by Salem's town council.

The circular letter to the churches was an eloquent defense of church liberty, but pastors declined to read the message to their congregations. They evidently shared the distaste of civil authorities for Williams' "new and dangerous opinions."

Williams also was taken to



Blue Mountain, Miss., Sept. 21. — Allen L. Tigrett (shown above) is professor of education at Blue Mountain for the current session. Mr. Tigrett, a native of Tippah County, has served as Superintendent, principal, and class room teacher in Mississippi schools for 17 years. He holds the B. S. degree from Mississippi Southern College, the M. A. degree from the University of Mississippi.

He flew from England to assume his post at Blue Mountain. In England he was principal of the American School at the Third Air Force jet base at Greenham Commons, which was attended by children of Air Force personnel.

task for his attack on the Boston church when he learned that they had not severed ties with the Church of England, for criticism of the Massachusetts charter and land titles, denouncing the New England pastors' conferences, and other belligerent activities.

Among the ministers attending the proceedings was John Cotton, a fellow Puritan who afterward confessed, "Many of us share the opinions of Williams but are enjoying religious and civil liberties because we are not so outspoken."

In his controversy with civil authorities, in addition to attacking the charter and land titles of the colony, Williams criticized the government for limiting the right to vote, for interference in church affairs, and other encroachments on individual liberty.

Williams may have anticipated the verdict of the court. Recently he made arrangements with the Indians for a trading post on Narragansett Bay, outside the jurisdiction of Massachusetts. He is expected to spend his "exile" there.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.

Two Cases Guide Southern Baptists On Hospitals

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In deciding whether to establish a new hospital in California on a denomination-wide basis, Southern Baptists have two experiences to guide their thinking.

The first is the successful operation of a large hospital in New Orleans, La., since 1926, while the other was an unsuccessful venture in El Paso, Tex., where Southern Baptists lost money on a tuberculosis sanatorium.

The question of Convention management of hospitals — as contrasted with operation only by Baptist associations or state conventions — is not a new one.

For over 30 years, the Convention has been making decisions about new hospital enterprises, and several times has adopted reports from committees saying that the Southern Baptist Convention, as such, ought to stay out of the hospital business.

First Policy Statement

Nevertheless, the Convention has gone ahead to approve new hospitals. It now appears that Southern Baptists feel that both the Convention and state conventions should operate hospitals.

At the time the Convention first stated a hospital policy in 1924, the El Paso sanatorium had operated for five years, losing money. The hospital at New Orleans, now called Southern Baptist Hospital, was about to be built.

The newly-organized Hospital Commission recommended "that the general policy of this Convention be to observe denominational state ownership and control of Baptist hospitals." The New Orleans hospital and El Paso sanatorium were to be exceptions.

Convention Urged to Quit

In 1928, a Convention efficiency committee believed "that the Southern Baptist Convention, as such, ought to get out of the hospital business at the earliest possible time." George W. Truett in his presidential address to the 1927 Convention urged that the Convention quit operating hospitals.

However, Southern Baptists stayed in the hospital business. The Home Mission Board, by Convention wishes, operated the sanatorium and the Hospital Commission the hospital.

The sanatorium folded in 1937 after 18 years of operation. Its buildings became a printing plant for the Foreign Mission Board.

The New Orleans Hospital has received only very limited support from Baptist offerings. For all purposes, it has operated on a self-sustaining basis. Its sound operation gave Southern Baptists prestige in a non-Baptist city.

It got no financial aid through the Community Chest nor from any government agency, local or federal.

The number of state-operated Baptist hospitals has risen during the years until there are 32 of them.

San Antonio Hospital

The Hospital Commission in 1946 recommended Convention operation of a hospital in San Antonio, Tex., which according to a Home Mission Board survey, had "almost the highest percentage of non-church people of all cities in the Convention territory."

After a few years of operating the hospital in San Antonio, the Convention transferred it to the Texas state Baptist convention for control.

When numerous petitions from other cities for hospitals followed, the Convention appointed a committee to study hospital operation. It reported in 1949 at Oklahoma City.

The policies set by the Convention were that:

1. "Southern Baptists should not acquire additional hospitals in the immediate future."

2. "Hospitals should be owned and operated by state conventions and local associations rather than . . . by the Southern Baptist Convention."

3. New hospitals must have endorsement of two succeeding Conventions before being received by the Convention.

Jacksonville About Ready

By 1949, however, the projected Convention hospital for Jacksonville, Fla., was well on its way to becoming a reality. It opened this year.

Before construction began, there was one more obstacle. In 1947, the Convention was told the Jacksonville hospital "does not involve the Convention in . . . money for capital construction."

But in 1952, the Convention approved borrowing up to \$750,000 for construction there. This provoked debate and opposition before the loan was approved.

The proposed Los Angeles area hospital came to attention of the Convention in 1947. In 1953, the Hospital Board began to study the proposal, and this year recommended construction based on pledges by California.

The California convention and Los Angeles area residents said they would buy a suitable site in Alhambra, Los Angeles sub-

Pine Grove Plans Revival Oct. 10-16



Rev. Otis Seal

Pine Grove Church in Pearl River County will have its annual fall revival October 10-16. The evangelist will be Rev. Otis Seal, pastor of the First Church, Itta Bena, and a native of Pine Grove Community. Allen Galaway, of the New Hope Church in Bogalouza, will lead the singing.

Dinner will be served on the church grounds on October 16, in connection with the annual Seal-Stewart Reunion also to be held.

Rev. Olin Q. Harmon is the pastor.

urb, and provide at least \$2 million for a 150-bed hospital.

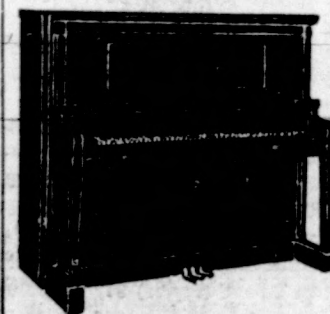
They said Southern Baptists need the hospital to make their name known in Los Angeles and that the city is very short on hospital space.

This brought back to mind the two questions: (1) Will the proposed hospital succeed? and (2) Should the Convention build it or should the California convention of Southern Baptists?

The Convention gave first approval to the venture at Miami, Fla., this year but it must give a second approval for work to begin.

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